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### III. The Teachings of the Galilean Ministry.

1. From lists already prepared or by a study of the material in Mark give the titles of ten discourses of Jesus delivered during this ministry.
2. Read the following passages and determine from them the teaching of Jesus upon each of the following topics:
  - 1) *God*; Mk. 1:14,15; 8:38; 9:47; 6:41 (cf. Mt. 10:29-31; 11:25; Lk. 6:36).
  - 2) *The Kingdom of God*; Mk. 1:15; 4:11,26-32; 9:1; membership in it, Mk. 1:15; 8:38; 9:37,43-47 (cf. Mt. 13:41-43; Lk. 7:28).
  - 3) *Himself and his relation to men*; Mk. 1:38; 2:10; 2:17; 3:35; 8:31,34 (cf. Mt. 13:41; 11:27).
  - 4) *Man, his moral condition and needs*; Mk. 1:15; 2:9,17; 7:20-23.
  - 5) *The O. T. economy*; Mk. 1:44; 2:18-22,23-28; 7:9,10.
  - 6) *Sin and salvation*; Mk. 3:23,28,29; 4:25; 7:15; 8:35-38; 9:23,42; 2:5 (cf. Mt. 13:39; 12:28-30).

### IV. The Results of the Galilean Ministry.

1. Recall as definitely as possible 1) the sources of the popularity of Jesus (a) in what he did, (b) in what he said, (c) in what was expected of him; and 2) the grounds of hostility to him (a) in his words, (b) in his deeds, (c) in his failure to meet the expectations of the people.
2. Note the outcome of this ministry as related to 1) the religious leaders; 2) the mass of the people; 3) the disciples of Jesus.

### V. Bearings of the Galilean Ministry upon Present Religious Life.

1. Methods of extending the Kingdom of God in the world and in the individual soul.
2. Righteousness as connected with the formal and outward elements of religion.
3. The relations of conservatism and progress.

## STUDY XVIII.—PEREA. MARK 10:1-31.

### I. The Material Analyzed.

*Read carefully* Mk. 10:1-31 and be able to make a definite statement concerning each of the following points:

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| 1. A new ministry (v. 1);                         | 5. the kingdom and the rich (vs. 23-27);              |
| 2. a discussion of the law of divorce (vs. 2-12); | 6. concerning self-sacrificing disciples (vs. 28-31). |
| 3. Jesus and the children (vs. 13-16);            |   |
| 4. Jesus and the rich inquirer (vs. 17-22);       |   |

### II. The Material Compared.

1. With Mk. 10:1-12 cf. Mt. 19:1-12; (a) observe important qualifying statements (Mt. 19:3,9); (b) the objection raised (Mt. 19:7); (c) the discussion concerning celibacy (Mt. 19:10-12).
2. With Mk. 10:13-31 cf. Mt. 19:13-30; Lk. 18:15-30.
  - (a) additional words and phrases, Mt. 19:13,18,20,21,28; Lk. 18:15,18,23;
  - (b) variations in statement, Mt. 19:17,29; Lk. 18:29;
  - (c) make a complete narrative of the incident of Mk. 10:17-22;\*
  - (d) the promise of Mt. 19:28 and its fitness in accordance with what view of the purpose of the Gospel?

\* *Christ in the Gospels*, by J. P. Cadman, M. A. (Scribners') will be found useful here.

### III. The Material Explained.

#### 1. TEXTUAL TOPICS AND QUESTIONS.

- 1) V. 1. (a) *Beyond Jordan*; (1) the name of this region? (2) his previous visits there? Cf. John 10:40; 3:26. (b) *Again*; this indicates (1) a return to his early methods; (2) a renewal of popularity.
- 2) V. 2. *Tempting*; consider whether (a) to sin, or (b) to indiscreet words in view of (1) the popular view about divorce; (2) the division of the Pharisees on this point; (3) the ruler of this region (Mk. 6:14-17).
- 3) Vs. 5-9. Follow the course of argument; (a) Moses' law modified by expediency; (b) the basis of the law (v. 6); (c) the conclusion that follows (vs. 7,8); (d) the rule laid down (v. 9.)
- 4) Vs. 13,16. Note Mk.'s vivid details peculiar to him. Cf. vs. 21-23.
- 5) Vs. 17,18. Consider (a) what his estimate of Jesus was; (b) the spirit of his question; (c) the spirit of Jesus' question either (1) humility or (2) sharp challenge; (d) whether Jesus here claims equality with God.
- 6) V. 21. *One thing*; but notice three things commanded.
- 7) V. 22. *Sorrowful*; (a) cf. Lk. 16:14; (b) in view of vs. 17, 20, 21, decide as to the man's character; (c) note the conjecture that identifies him with Lazarus.\*
- 8) V. 23. (a) *Hardly*; i. e. "with great difficulty." (b) *Enter into*, etc.; does this refer to (1) enjoying a future state, or (2) acquiring a present character?
- 9) V. 26. *Then who*, etc.; (a) what was the common view? (b) How was it based on O. T. teaching? Cf. Deut. 28:1,11, etc.
- 10) Vs. 28-31. Observe (a) the spirit of Peter's reply; (b) the true motive for the sacrifice; (c) the qualifying addition (v. 30).
- 11) V. 29. *Houses and brethren*, etc.; (a) Can this be taken literally; (b) if not, what is its figurative meaning, whether (1) equivalent possessions in the Christian community (1 Cor. 4:15; Acts 4:34; Rom. 16:13); or (2) spiritual compensations to the individual (1 Cor. 3:22; 2 Cor. 6:10)?
- 12) V. 30. (a) *World to come*; whether (1) the epoch of the Christ; or (2) the future life? (b) *Eternal life*; (1) in view of John 3:36; 5:24, etc., is this enjoyed before or after death? Cf. v. 23; Mt. 19:17; (2) its bearing upon the meaning of "world to come"?

#### 2. GENERAL TOPICS.

- 1) **The Perea Ministry.** (a) Read rapidly Lk. 9:51-18:14; John 7:2-10:42, and make up from each a list of events; (b) observe how these events occur during the period alluded to in Mk. 10:1, usually called the ministry in Perea; (c) from the references to the feasts in John 7:2; 10:22; 11:55, decide in general about the length of this ministry; (d) note the literary problem—why these events are omitted in Matthew and Mark (cf. "study" III. iii. 2. 1)).
- 2) **Marriage and Divorce.** (a) Study the Hebrew idea of the relation of the sexes; (1) the divine ordinance at creation (Gen. 2:18,23,24); (2) the Mosaic conception of marriage; (Deut. 7:3; 24:1); (3) the position of woman among the Hebrews (Gen. 18:6; 1 Sam. 1:5,8,28; Ruth 1:8-13; 2:8,9; Ps. 45; Prov. 12:4; 31:10-31); (b) compare this as far as possible with the ideas and practices of other ancient peoples; (c) the Christian principles of marriage; (1) the teaching of Jesus in this passage; (2) the ideas of Paul (1 Cor. 7; Eph. 5:28-33; 1 Tim. 2:11-14; 5:3); (3) other views (1 Pet. 3:1-7; Jas. 1:27; 2 John 1; Rev. 21:9).

### IV. The Material Organized.

1. Gather the material and classify it under the following heads: 1) places; 2) habits and customs; 3) O. T. quotations; 4) important teachings; 5) Jesus and the O. T.; 6) important events; 7) historical allusions.

\* Cf. Plumptre, *Handy Commentary on Mark*.

2. Condense the material Mk. 10:1-31, according to the methods already indicated, into the briefest possible statement under the general topic of **Some Laws of the Kingdom.**

### V. The Material Applied.

1. SELF-SACRIFICE. Mk. 10:21-27. (a) Note the advice of Jesus to the inquirer concerning his property. (b) The doctrine of Jesus concerning wealth—consider thoughtfully the following points: (1) poverty is indispensable to the ideal Christian life; (2) true Christianity consists in neither poverty nor in riches, but in entire spiritual self-sacrifice in behalf of Jesus Christ; (3) the difficulties in the way of this self-sacrifice; (4) the greater hindrances in the case of the rich; (5) the teaching of Mk. 10:27; (6) the grand opportunities of consecrated wealth to-day.
2. THE REWARDS OF SELF-SACRIFICE. Mk. 10:28-31. Consider in regard to these rewards: (a) their character, whether literal or figurative; (b) the two-fold sphere in which they are given; (c) whether the promise of them has been realized and may be expected to-day; (d) the danger in the promise of reward and how it may be avoided; (e) results of self-sacrifice from a wrong motive (v. 31; cf. Mt. 20:1-16); (f) how these promises may be made useful in the Christian life.

## STUDY XIX.—INTO THE SHADOW OF DEATH. MARK 10:32-52.

**Résumé.** 1. The scene and characteristics of the ministry in Perea. 2. The Kingdom of God in its relations 1) to children; 2) to the rich; 3) to the self-sacrificing. 3. Jesus' view of marriage.

### I. The Material Analyzed.

*Read carefully* Mark 10:32-52, and be able to make a definite statement concerning each of the following points:

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| 1. On the way to Jerusalem (v. 32);         | 4. the reply of Jesus (vs. 38-40);      |
| 2. the unwelcome message again (vs. 33,34); | 6. the blind man healed (vs. 46-52).    |
| 3. the disciples' request (vs. 35-37);      | 5. the law of pre-eminence (vs. 41-45); |

### II. The Material Compared.

1. With Mark 10:32-52, cf. Mt. 20:17-34; Lk. 18:31-43.
2. Observe the additional material furnished in Mt. 20:23,34; Lk. 18:31,34,43.
3. Compare with the corresponding passage in Mark, note and explain the differences in 1) Mt. 20:20; 2) Mt. 20:30; 3) Lk. 18:35.
4. Determine the bearing of these differences 1) upon the relations of the Gospels to each other; 2) upon the trustworthiness of the Gospel narratives.

### III. The Material Explained.

#### 1. TEXTUAL TOPICS AND QUESTIONS.

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| 1) V. 32. (a) <i>In the way</i> ; (1) read John 11:1-57; (2) make a list of the events; (3) note that these occur in the time intervening between Mk. 10:31 and 10:32. | (b) <i>Jesus was going before</i> ; (1) was this customary? cf. Mk. 1:17; 8:33; (2) <i>why</i> then mentioned here? (c) <i>Amazed....afraid</i> ; the reason for these feelings in view (1) of |
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